change substantially symmetrically in [an] inward and outward radial directions from a central radial position on said optical disc.

3. (Twice Amended) The optical disc as claimed in claim 1, wherein the relative size of said areas of said spare area[s] gradually increase or decrease in a radial direction of said optical disc.

4. (Twice Amended) The optical disc as claimed in claim 1, wherein the relative sizes of said areas of said spare area[s] increase in [an] inward and outward radial directions from a central radial position on said optical disc.

7. (Twice Amended) A method for setting spare areas of corresponding main zones of an optical disc, said method comprising:

configuring an optical disk with a plurality of main zones, each main zone having a spare area associated therewith;

variably setting a size for each of said spare areas in said main zones such that a size of at least one of [to achieve a difference in relative sizes of] said spare areas in a radial direction of said optical disk differs relative to a size of at least one other spare area.

8. (Twice Amended) The method for setting spare areas of an optical disc as claimed in claim 7, wherein said variably setting step includes setting the size of said spare areas to be substantially symmetrical in a radially inward and a radially outward direction from a central radial position on said optical disc.

11. (Amended) An optical disk comprising:

a main area that stores [storing] digital data; and

a spare area that reduces [reducing] error by storing digital data, at least one division of said spare area having an increased size relative to at least one other division of said spare area [area increasing in size in an outer radial direction] of said optical disk.

12. (Amended) The optical disk recited by claim 11, wherein said main area includes plural zones and said spare area includes a division [spare region] within each of said zones, said division [spare regions] within said zones increasing in relative size in the outer radial direction of said optical disk.

16. (Amended) An optical disk comprising:

a main area that stores [storing] digital data; and

a spare area that reduces [reducing] error by storing digital data, at least one division of said spare area having a decreased size relative to at least one other division of said spare area

[decreasing in size in an inner radial direction] of said optical disk.

17. (Amended) The optical disk recited by claim 16, wherein said main area includes plural zones and said spare area includes a <u>division</u> [spare region] within each of said zones, said <u>divisions</u> [spare regions] within said zones decreasing in relative size in the inner radial direction of said optical disk.

Please add new claims 21-24 as follows:

21. The method of claim 7, wherein a size of the spare area in a last of the main zones located at an outermost portion of the optical disk is set larger than a size of the spare area in the main zone located adjacent to the last main zone.

22. The method of claim 7, wherein a size of the spare area in a first of the main zones located at an innermost portion of the optical disk is set smaller than a size of the spare area in the main zone located adjacent to the first main zone.

23. The optical disk of claim 11, wherein a size of the spare area in a last of the main zones located at an outermost portion of the optical disk is set larger than a size of the spare area in the main zone located adjacent to the last main zone.